



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Mr. David C. Hobbs

Bloomington, Indiana 47401

RE: MUR 5638

Bill Abbott For Preserving American Jobs  
and Sarah Ruth Rehmel, in her official capacity as treasurer  
William Abbott  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2249  
Glenn R. Collins, President/Business Manager, Local 2249  
General Electric Company  
Walter Casavecchia, Human Resources Manager, General  
Electric Company

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on December 27, 2004, concerning compensation paid to Bill Abbott by International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2249. Based on that complaint, on September 13, 2006, the Commission found reason to believe that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2249 and Glenn R. Collins, President/Business Manager, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On January 9, 2007, a conciliation agreement signed by those respondents was accepted by the Commission. A copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed.

On September 13, 2006, the Commission also found reason to believe that William Abbott, Bill Abbott For Preserving American Jobs and Sarah Ruth Rehmel, in her official capacity as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 434(b). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action as to those Respondents. At the same time, the Commission admonished them that accepting prohibited contributions from a labor organization is a violation of the Act. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision regarding Mr. Abbott and his campaign committee is enclosed. In addition, the Commission found no reason to believe that General Electric Company and Walter Casavecchia, Human Resources Manager violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on January 7, 2007.

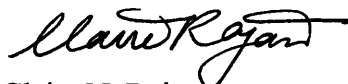
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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,



Claire N. Rajan  
Attorney

Enclosures

Statement of Reasons

Conciliation Agreement

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